

Remarks

The Office Action dated May 1, 2006 required restriction between:

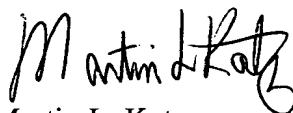
Group I, claims 1-5, drawn to the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 2, the encoding polynucleotide and a method of using the polypeptide to identify modulators; and

Group II, claim 6, drawn to a method of treatment using modulators of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Applicants elect the invention of Group I (claims 1-5) with traverse. Applicants submit that both Groups are linked by a single inventive concept, the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 2 for the regulation of fertility in men. The search and examination of both Group I and Group II would not be an undue burden on the Patent and Trademark Office and would not be against the public's interest.

Reconsideration of this requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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